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# Ballykeel Bulletin - 22nd November

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

On Thursday 25th November the school will close early for a staff event.

- Nursery will finish at 1pm
- P1 will finish at 12:50am.
- P2-P3 will finish at 1pm.
- P4-P7 will finish at 1:15pm.

## Save The Date

On Wednesday 15th December our new family worker Mavis and Mrs Sheeran are hosting an informal 'Mince Pies and Shortbread' coffee morning at 9:00 for parents/guardians. It will be a chance for you to meet Mavis and Mrs Sheeran would love to hear your opinions on aspects of school life such as Seesaw, ParentPay etc.

## Anti-Bullying Week

To highlight the importance of anti-bullying week in school, each class took part in a range of fun activities. The theme this year was 'One Kind Word.' On Monday, both staff and children came to school wearing odd socks and this was great fun!



P2 read the story 'Tyrannosaurus Drip.' This story reminded the children about the importance of being kind to everyone with our words and our actions.

P5 created freeze frames showing how one kind word can change your day. The children made a lovely class display from their dramas.



## Nurture Forest Trip

This week, the boys and girls in the Thrive Hive class went on an adventure to Portglenone Forest! They had the most wonderful day exploring the sights and sounds of the forest. They listened to stories, sang songs and made hedgehog houses from the natural materials they gathered.



## December Delights

Wednesday 1st Dec- 'Tinsel and Treat Day'. On this day everyone will decorate their classrooms. There will be music and fun and children can bring one unhealthy treat for their break. Remember we are a **NUT FREE** school.

Friday 3rd Dec – Northern Ireland does 'The Santa Daily Mile' The school is taking part in this - every child can bring in a Santa hat to wear!

Friday 10th – Christmas Jumper Day. We are also having a 'design a Christmas Hat' competition.



Monday 13th – P.4 to P.7 Christmas Quiz

Wednesday 15th – Movie and Munch evening for P.4 to P.7

Thursday 16th – Christmas dinner in the canteen. Children can wear their Christmas jumpers on this day. Please note that school will finish at the following times on this day:

- P1: 1:40
- P2-P3: 1:50
- P4-P7: 2:00

All classes will leave through their usual exits.

Friday 17th – 'Mind Your Mental 'Elf' Day'. On this day we will be focusing on health (elf) and wellbeing.

Children can wear their Christmas jumpers and we are asking each child to donate £1 through Parent Pay.



P.1 to P.3 Christmas Parties – Your child's teacher will let you know which day this is on. The children can come to school in their party clothes.

Class Christmas Messages - Your child's teacher will let you know when this is posted on the website.

Monday 20th - School finishes 12:00 to 12:15. We will let you know when each year group is getting out closer to the time. We re-open on Tuesday 4th January.

## Breakfast Club

From 29th November 2021, Breakfast Club must be paid through ParentPay. More details to follow.